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Ms. Donna R. Searcy, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street N.W.-Room 222  
Washington, DC 20554  
Re: PR Docket No. 92-235

Dear Ms. Searcy:

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim Hay  
Mission Township Fire/Rescue  
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This isn't a tax proposed by the Federal Communications Commission, but might as well be. The impact on the taxpayer will be in the millions of dollars. The proposed refarming will deal a severe blow to the majority of fire departments in the United States, including mine. Vast numbers of fire departments rely on only a few thousand dollars a year to purchase equipment, utilities, gasoline, and for maintenance costs. The proposed refarming will devastate their budgets and leave many without a radio link to a dispatcher. That link may be the difference between a firefighter or civilian death.

In the last five years we have had federal government mandates that cost several thousand dollars to comply with. These mandates come with no funding, and in turn we have to pass the costs on to the taxpayer. The FCC needs to go back to the chalkboard and propose a realistic plan with input from diversified emergency services across the United States, and some funding.

Tim Hay  
Fire Chief  
Mission Township Fire/Rescue

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